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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kleinschmidt, et al.

Application No. 09/886,144

Filed: June 20, 2001

For: METHOD FOR PURIFYING AND CONCENTRATING AAV-2 AND ANTIGEN PORTIONS THEREOF

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Examiner: Winkler, U.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated **June 3, 2003**, and is submitted on or before the extended due date of **October 3, 2003**. A constructive petition for a one-month extension of time under 1.136(a)(3) and its requisite fee are enclosed herewith. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and consider the application.